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TAGS: CDES, CPAS, AR (HOPPUS, EVELYN)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF EVELYN HOPPUS; PASSPORT MISSING

1. MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 27, 1975 CONOFF PERSONALLY SPOKE AT EMBASSY WITH MR. LYLE HOPPUS, HUSBAND OF SUBJECT, MR. JOSE SAFRA, BROTHER OF SUBJECT, AND SON OF JOSE SAFRA WHO IS NEPHEW OF SUBJ. MUCH OF CONVERSATION HAD TO DO WITH NEPHEW'S UPCOMING IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION.

2. CONOFF HAD ARRANGED AN INTERVIEW FOR MR. HOPPUS AT NOON OF TWENTY-SEVENTH WITH PRECINT CHIEF IN CHARGE OF CASE. HOPPUS WAS PROVIDED WITH CARDS OF INTRODUCTION AND CONOFF HAD EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE FAVORABLY RECEIVED.

3. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED TELEPHONICALLY MORNING OF TWENTY-EIGHTH BY COURT OFFICIAL THAT BODY COULD NOW BE RELEASED FOR RETURN TO UNITED STATES UPON PROPER APPLICATION TO PRECINT. PROPER APPLICATION WOULD CONSTITUTE A WRITTEN REQUEST PLUS PROOF OF MR. HOPPUS' RELATIONSHIP WITH DECEASED. (EMBASSY PREPARED TO MAKE STATEMENT THAT LYLE AND EVELYN HOPPUS WERE MAN AND WIFE, IF NECESSAR). AS ANOTHER HOPPUS IN-LAW IS ARGENTINE ATTORNEY THIS SHOULD PRESENT NO RPT NO PROBLEM FOR THEM.

4. HOPPUS AND COMPANY DID NOT KEEP MONDAY'S NOON APPOINTMENT WITH POLICE ALTHOUGH APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF BODY CAN STILL BE MADE AT ANY TIME.

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5. INVESTIGATION AS TO CAUSE OF DEATH CONTINUES. SAFRA ALTHOUGH POLICE SOURCES SAY ONLY THAT SHE DIED FROM BLOW ON

HEAD BUT THAT QUESTION OF WHAT CAUSED BLOW STILL IN DOUBT.

6. CONOFF RECEIVED CALL FROM FOREIGN OFFICE JAN 28TH.
APPARENTLY ARGENTINE CONGEN HAD CABLED ABOUT CASE.

7. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT SIGNIFICANT DETAILS.
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